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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *July* 10, 1755.

LONDON.

To the Right Honourable the Earl of C----------,

My Lord,

I BEG Leave to aſſure your Lordſhip, it is my ſettled Opinion, that were the *French* permitted to conquer *Flanders* and *Holland*, this Nation would not ſuffer ſo much by that Enlargement of *France*, as permitting that Nation to poſſeſs the Parts of *Nova-Scotia* and *New-England*, with the Region behind the *Britiſh* Colonies lying between the *Miſſiſippi* and *Canada* Rivers.

It is computed that the Plantations purchaſe one third of all the Merchandize and Manufactures of *Great-Britain*, and give Employment to Thirty Thouſand Sailors; and as the Inhabitants and Trade annually increaſe, they will be conſtantly more profitable to his Majeſty's *European* Dominions.

Let it be ſeriouſly conſider'd by honeſt *Britons*, of what Importance the Colonies on the Continent of *North-America* are to the other Parts of the *Britiſh* Dominions: From them are ſent to this Kingdom, Gold, Silver, Copper, Iron, Tobacco, Rice, Tar, Pitch, Turpentine, Maſts, Deer-Skins, Beaver, and other Furs, beſides many other ſmall Articles in Trade. To the *Sugar-Iſlands* Proviſions, Live Stock, Lumber, Horſes, *&c.* To *Spain*, *Portugal*, and *Italy*, ſalted Fiſh, Rice, *&c.* In them are built, for their own Uſe, and Sale, a great Number of Ships, and ſmaller Veſſels of many Denominations. In Proportion as the Plantations have increaſed in People, the Sea Ports and Manufacturing Towns in *Great-Britain* have been enlarged and enriched. When *Britain* has driven the *French* out of *North-America*, the Commerce thither will marvelouſly increaſe; more Silk may be there produced than *France*, *Spain*, and *Italy*, can afford: Beſides, many other Species of Goods now imported from the ſaid Nations, *Turkey*, and other Countries, may be had from *North-America*.

Were the *French* permitted to continue in *Nova-Scotia* and *New-England*, with what they claim from *Miſſiſippi* and *Canada* Rivers, very pernicious Conſequences muſt follow, *viz.* That many *Indian* Nations, now in Amity with the *Britiſh* Colonies, will be obliged to ſubmit to the *French*, and fight for them; the Deer-Skin and Fur Trades will be loſt, and the *French* ſupply many Nations with Cloaths, Arms, Ammunition, *&c.* which they now receive from the *Britiſh* Governments. Moreover, in Time they will be enabled, and capable to raiſe Proviſions of all Kinds for ſupplying their *Sugar-Iſlands*, to cultivate Tobacco, Rice, and every Kind of Merchandize now produced in the *Britiſh* Settlements, and be in Poſſeſſion of inexhauſtible Quantities of Timber and Maſts, for Ship and other Buildings, and for the Uſe of their Sugar Plantations, which at a ſmall Expence may be floated down the Rivers: They will alſo have it in their Power to make Incurſions and Depredations into all the *Britiſh* Governments on that Continent; which muſt inevitably lay this Kingdom under the Neceſſity of fortifying all the Frontiers, and maintain a regular Army for Defence, from *Nova-Scotia* to *Miſſiſippi* River; which in the End, will be of more Expence to *Great-Britain*, than conquering all the *French* poſſeſs in *North-America*. The Conteſt between the Two Nations is of ſo great Conſequence as to give the Pre-eminence to that which gains the better. If *France* prevails, *Great-Britain* will gradually impoveriſh and decay, and *France* will be exalted and enriched.

If a pacific Settlement could be made with *France* at this Time, it cannot prove of long Duration: But if it ſhould ſo happen, we ſhall entail endleſs Wars on our Succeſſors, which his Majeſty may now glorioufly finiſh, and leave the Prince who ſucceeds to his Throne the moſt potent Monarch in *Europe*. Let the Power and Riches of this Nation be vigorouſly employ'd, and *France* will not only be defeated in their Deſigns on *America*, but fruſtrated and defeated in many other Schemes formed for the Benefit of that Country.

There are ſome Men of weak Underſtandings and timorous Diſpoſition, who have the Folly to give out that this Nation is ſo clogg'd and encumber'd with Debts, as not to be in a Condition to war with *France*; it is not difficult to prove, that *Great-Britain* was never in a better State to fight the *French* than at this Time.

France, in the laſt Year, ſent a conſiderable Body of Forces to ſtrengthen and ſecure their Encroachments on the Back of *Virginia* and the *Carolinas*; more Troops are now in Readineſs to be embarked, undoubtedly to attack *Halifax*, the moſt valuable Place in the *Britiſh* Empire on the other Side the *Atlantic*; which, if not prevented, will put it into the Power of the *French* to reduce all *Nova-Scotia* in two Months, and afterwards gain any Harbour in *Newfoundland*. Their Forces in *Canada* may ſeize the City called *Albany* in *New-York* Government, plunder the Upper Parts, and drive the Inhabitants from their Plantations.

For the Service of my King and Country, I have thought of Means to raiſe Money, and Forces ſufficient, to chaſe the *French* out of *North-America*, without raiſing new Taxes, or augmenting the National Debts, which the Lords of the Treaſury may have when they pleaſe.

I am, My Lord,
Your Lordſhip's moſt humble Servant,
GEO. BURRINGTON.

March 27, 1755.

LONDON, *April* 15.

SOME Perſons have been apprehenſive, that our Colonies and Plantations in America might in Time ſhake off their Dependence upon us, and ſet up for themſelves. But the French, by their Incroachments upon them, have made them ſenſible, that without the Fleets and Forces of their Mother Country, they would ſoon be deprived of their Poſſeſſions; and we are, likewiſe, by theſe Means, ſenſible, they cannot ſubſiſt without our Aſſiſtance. It might therefore, become the Wiſdom of the Legiſlature to conſider of ſome Law to encourage them to a ſtrict Union amongſt themſelves, and to appoint them a Lord Lieutenant, as in Ireland, to reſide at New-York, or ſome other Place near the Center of thoſe Dominions: And, inſtead of ſeparate Governors, they, with the Council in each Colony, might reſide as a Body, as our Houſe of Lords, and the Repreſentatives, as our Houſe of Commons, to meet at the moſt proper Seaſon of the Year, as a Parliament, to conſider of ſuch Laws as to bind the general Community, after they are approved of from hence; and to raiſe Taxes in the moſt equal Manner for the Support and Defence of the Colonies, in ſuch Parts and Plantations as are moſt needful. Thus may they and we be freed from the French Incroachments; this will naturally lead the French to exerciſe their enterprizing and ambitious Views towards the back of the Spaniſh Settlements, and make our Friendſhip neceſſary to the Spaniards and profitable to ourſelves.

NEW-YORK, *June* 9.

It may not be amiſs to remark, that the longeſt Seaſon of dry Weather has prevailed throughout the Engliſh Part of this Continent this Spring, that ever was known: The Crops of Wheat and Rye both nigh periſhed, and in no Probability can exceed half what is produced in a ſeaſonable Year: And 'tis thought, there will not in general be Flax enough raiſed to produce the Seed ſown. Beſides which, Hay, Oats, Indian Corn, and all other Fruits of the Earth, have the ſame Appearance; and if it continued dry a few Days longer, all would have gone. Should not this excite in us, Humility and Frugality at leaſt? 'Tis ſaid, that ſeveral Congregations in this and the neighbouring Governments have ſet aſide Days of Faſting and Prayer, that Heaven may avert the impending Dangers:-------But tho' theſe may be uncontroverted Points of Chriſtian Duty, yet if we are to look upon theſe Afflictions as the juſt Judgments of Heaven, may we not rather think them the Rewards of our Pride and Diſſention, our Perfidy, Breach of Promiſes, unjuſt Reflections upon one another, and Abundance of other Vices too predominant in this Day?

ANNAPOLIS, *July* 10.

On the firſt Inſtant, the following Meſſage was ſent down to the Lower Houſe, *viz.*

By the Upper Houſe of Aſſembly, *July* 1, 1755.

Gentlemen,

THE Bill herewith returned, propoſes to take 5000*l.* out of the Paper Currency Office, which is to be replaced and repaid to the Commiſſioners of that Office in Bills of Credit, by ſeveral Duties and Impoſts therein mentioned, and alſo by the Money ariſing on Ordinary Licences, the Appropriation of which is a diſputable Matter. ------As there has been no Experience of the annual Amount of ſeveral of thoſe Duties, we apprehend it to be very precarious and uncertain; and we do not find, by any Computation we can make, that the Sum propoſed to be taken out of the Office by this Bill, can be repaid and replaced into it during the Subſiſtence of that Office, and in ſuch Caſe there is not any Proviſion made in the Bill for ſupplying that Deficiency: Theſe, we think, are material Defects, and ſuch as we cannot get over. There are other Objections to the Bill, which we conceive are not neceſſary to be particularized here, inaſmuch as if theſe Objections were removed ſo as to anſwer the Ends and Purpoſes propoſed by it, we may poſſibly agree upon and reconcile thoſe, by proper Amendments; but we cannot paſs it under the preſent Defects, and leave that to be ſupplied by the Interpoſition of a future Aſſembly, which can and ought to be done now. We therefore earneſtly intreat you (when the Call for a Supply towards the Support of his Majeſty's juſt Rights and our own Safety are ſo very preſſing), to fall upon ſome Expedient to render the Bill more perfect, and give us an Opportunity of concurring with you, in teſtifying our Zeal for his Majeſty's Service, and the Security of our Fellow-Subjects.

Signed *per* Order, *J. Roſs*, Cl. Up. Ho.

On the third, the following Meſſage was ſent down, *viz.*

By the Upper Houſe of Aſſembly, *July* 3, 1755.

Gentlemen,

WE return you herewith the Bill, entituled, *An Act for ſecuring the Weſtern Frontier of this Province againſt the Depredations of the* French *and their* Indian *Allies; and alſo for paying and maintaining Couriers from* Wills's-Creek *to* Annapolis, *and back to* Wills's-Creek, which, in our Apprehenſion, is framed in ſuch a Manner, that it would be very difficult, if not impoſſible, to be carried into Execution, ſo as to anſwer the Purpoſes propoſed by it, and therefore we cannot agree to paſs it: But as we are greatly concerned for the Preſervation and Security of the Inhabitants on the Weſtern Borders of this Province, we ſhall be glad you will take the Matter again under your Conſideration.

Signed *per* Order, *J. Roſs*, Cl. Up. Ho.

The

The ſame Day the following Addreſs was preſented to his Excellency, *viz.*

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, *Eſq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of* MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of DELEGATES.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

THE Countenance and Encouragement that hath been given to Popery, and the Growth of it in this Province in Conſequence thereof, is the Subject of the preſent Addreſs to your Excellency, an Evil very inveterate, and which hath long called for Redreſs; and, however fruitleſs and unavailing former Addreſſes upon this Subject have proved, we are not diſcouraged from further Attempts, more eſpecially as ſome late and remarkable Incidents make it ſeaſonable and expedient at this critical Juncture. Inſtead of having the Expectations of the People anſwer'd, by the Removal of Men juſtly obnoxious to them, we have the Mortification to ſee them promoted to Offices yet more lucrative and important.

Your Excellency will not be at a Loſs to know, that we mean the Attorney-General *Henry Darnall*, and his Brother *John Darnall*, Eſquires, who were themſelves educated in a Foreign Popiſh Seminary, and notwithſtanding their Conformity, by educating their Children in the Popiſh Religion give ample Teſtimony of their Attachment to the pernicious Principles of the Church of *Rome*; nor can the Complaints, which have been repeatedly made of the dangerous Influence of the Popiſh Faction, and their Leaders the Jeſuits, be thought unneceſſary, when ſome late and very notorious Inſtances of it are conſider'd; a Perſon of infamous Character in *St. Mary's* County Goal, and under Sentence of Death for an atrocious Crime, upon the Merit of becoming a Proſelyte to the Popiſh Religion, has been lately recommended to your Excellency as a proper Object of your Clemency, and thereby reſcued from the Hands of Juſtice; which Recommendation he had in vain implored whilſt a Proteſtant: Other Inſtances of the Prevalence and Power of that Faction, and the Partiality ſhew'd them, and of the ſame Impoſition upon your Excellency, have occurred in *Prince George's* County; Two Popiſh Delinquents, under Proſecution for Crimes of the moſt dangerous Nature and Tendency to Society, have obtained *Noli Proſequies*, and are left at Liberty to repeat them. Theſe Inſtances abovementioned, and the conſtant and unwearied Application of the Jeſuits to proſelyte, and conſequently to corrupt and alienate, the Affections of our Slaves from us, and to hold them in Readineſs to arm at a proper Time for our Deſtruction, together with every Conſideration of Danger from a powerful Foreign Enemy, are Circumſtances truly Alarming, and ſuch as we truſt will ſufficiently juſtify this Addreſs to your Excellency, whoſe known Principles of Loyalty and Attachment to the preſent happy Conſtitution, in Church and State, are too conſpicuous, to leave us room to doubt of your Protection to his Majeſty's faithful Proteſtant Subjects.

Upon the Whole, deſpairing, after ſeveral fruitleſs Attempts, to gain a Law, for our Security againſt this Faction, more particularly adapted to our Conſtitution and Circumſtances, we hope we ſhall not be liable to Cenſure, if we make Uſe of thoſe Means of Safety, which Providence and the Care of our Mother Country hath put into our Hands; We therefore humbly pray, that your Excellency would iſſue your Proclamation, commanding all Magiſtrates and other Officers duly to execute the Penal Statutes, mentioned in the Statute of the Firſt of *William* and *Mary*, Chapter the 18th, againſt the Roman Catholics or Papiſts, within this Province. *H. HOOPER*, Speaker.

On the fifth, the following Meſſages paſſed between the two Houſes, *viz.*

By the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly, *July* 5, 1755.

May it pleaſe your Honours,

IN Anſwer to your Meſſage, with the Bill for granting a further Supply towards his Majeſty's Service, we carefully reviſed the ſaid Bill, and although we find, from as exact and moderate a Calculation as we can make, that the Duties, Impoſts and Fines, in that Bill mentioned, duly collected, will, before the Expiration of the Paper Currency Act, bring in the Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds, over and above the Sums now due, and the Sum of 5000*l.* by this Bill propoſed to be granted for his Majeſty's Service; and although we are ſatisfied, that the Right of granting Supplies, and forming Money Bills, is ſolely in us, yet, to avoid any Doubt or Scruple, we have added Duties on Melaſſes, and Sugars, to be imported: And as we find, upon the moſt ſerious Conſideration of the ſaid Bill, that the Money ariſing on Ordinary-Licences, by a Clauſe in the ſaid Bill, continuing the ſeveral Clauſes mentioned and contained in an Act, made at a Seſſion of Aſſembly the 17th Day of *July*, 1754, relating to the ſeveral Duties, Licence Money, Fines and Forfeitures, therein mentioned, and alſo the ſeveral Parts of the Act of Aſſembly in that Act mentioned, are clearly, ſtrongly, and plainly appropriated and applied; we hope your Honours will paſs this Bill, that our zealous Intentions and Endeavours for his Majeſty's Service, may not be fruſtrated.

Signed *per* Order, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Lo. Ho.

By the Upper Houſe of Aſſembly, *July* 5, 1755.

Gentlemen,

WE have conſidered your Bill ſent up this Morning for granting a further Supply towards his Majeſty's Service, and find that it is upon the ſame Plan with that returned you the other Day, except the Addition of a Duty upon Melaſſes and Sugar, which we are of Opinion does not remove our Objections mentioned in our Meſſage, to your firſt Bill for granting the ſame Supply, and therefore we cannot paſs this Bill.

Signed *per* Order, *J. Roſs*, Cl. Up. Ho.

By the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly, *July* 5, 1755.

May it pleaſe your Honours,

IN Anſwer to your Meſſage, with the Bill for ſecuring the Weſtern Frontier of this Province, againſt the Depredations of the *French*, and their *Indian* Allies, and alſo for paying and maintaining Couriers; we aſſure your Honours, that we have carefully examined, and reconſidered that Bill, in all its Parts, and cannot perceive how, or why, it may be either impoſſible, or even difficult, to carry the ſame into Execution, and we ſhould have taken it kind in your Honours to have pointed out to us any Defects or Repugnancies in that Bill, which could prevent the Execution thereof. The earneſt Deſire we have to relieve our Fellow-Subjects, and protect them from the Cruelties of the *French* and their *Indians*, induces us to return you that Bill, in Hopes, that upon your further Conſideration thereof, and the miſerable Condition of the Inhabitants of the Weſtern Frontiers, your Honours will agree to their Relief, and paſs this Bill.

Signed *per* Order, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Lo. Ho.

By the Upper Houſe of Aſſembly, *July* 5, 1755.

Gentlemen,

IN Anſwer to your Meſſage, with the Return of the Bill, for ſecuring the Weſtern Frontiers, we muſt obſerve to you, that ſuch Return, after a Negative paſſed by this Houſe, is irregular; we ſhould have been very ready to have explained ourſelves, as to the particular Objections we thought the Bill juſtly liable to, if you had deſired us ſo to do, in the uſual Method of Proceedings, between the Two Houſes: And we aſſure you, that we are ſo ſenſible of the Dangers to which our Fellow Subjects on the Weſtern Frontiers are expoſed, that we ſhall be glad to agree with you, on a Bill for their Security, and hope you will find a proper Expedient for that Purpoſe.

Signed *per* Order, *J. Roſs*, Cl. Up. Ho.

The ſame Day his Excellency ſent the following Meſſage, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly,

I HAVE juſt received Advice from *Frederick* County, that beſides the Eleven Perſons, who were killed or carried away Priſoners thence, by a Party of *French* Indians, on the Twenty Third of *June*; Fifteen more of our Inhabitants have ſince met with the ſame Fate. There were Nineteen white People together, who, fearing the Incurſions of the *Indians*, had left their Habitations, and were going for Security and Protection to *Fort Cumberland*; three only of the Nineteen eſcaped unhurt, but a Youth whom the *Indians* had ſcalped and left for dead, is ſince gone to *Fort Cumberland*, and is likely to recover. I am alſo informed, that ſome Day laſt Week, twelve *Indians* were ſeen to croſs *Tonalowny* Creek, and that another Party were diſcovered laſt Saturday about twelve Miles from the Mouth of *Conococheague*.

HOR°. SHARPE.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, *Eſq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of* MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of DELEGATES.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE are very ſenſibly affected with the melancholy Fate of our Fellow-Subjects, on our Weſtern Frontier (communicated to us by your Excellency, in your Meſſage juſt now received,) from the Incurſions of the Savage *Indians*. We have a Bill now lying before the Upper Houſe, which, if it meets with their Concurrence, we cannot doubt, will have the truly deſired Effect of ſecuring our Frontier from any Invaſions which may be attempted.

H. HOOPER, Speaker.

Tueſday laſt his Excellency ſent the following Meſſage, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly,

I AM very glad to find by your Addreſs, preſented me laſt Friday, that you are well ſatisfied and convinced of my Principles, Loyalty, and firm Attachment to the preſent happy Conſtitution, in Church and State, and at the Confidence you expreſs yourſelves to have in my Inclination and Deſire to protect and countenance his Majeſty's faithful Proteſtant Subjects in this Province: For doing me Juſtice in entertaining ſuch Sentiments, I return you Thanks, and at the ſame Time aſſure you, I ſhall embrace every Occaſion of confirming you in that Opinion. But leſt a Stranger ſhould be led to put a different Conſtruction on ſome Words in that Addreſs, from what you meant or deſire, I ſhall alſo endeavour to explain and ſet in their true and proper Light thoſe Parts which ſeem moſt likely to deceive or impoſe on indifferent Perſons, who may have the Curioſity to peruſe it.

As you cannot allude to myſelf, where you ſpeak of frequent Addreſſes heretofore on this Subject, and as the general Aſſertions or Inſinuations with which the preſent begins, ſeem to be founded or dependent on the particular Facts afterwards ſpecified, I ſhall paſs that Part unnoticed, to obſerve a little upon thoſe remarkable and notorious Incidents and Inſtances.-----The Criminal who was condemned in *St. Mary's* County, and now enjoys the Benefit of a Reprieve, was, you ſay, recommended to mē as a proper Object of Clemency, upon the Merit of becoming a Proſelyte to the Popiſh Religon: Of what Church that unhappy Wretch now declares himſelf, or that he heretofore entertained different Sentiments with Regard to Religion, your Addreſs has given me the firſt Information; but as the Gentlemen, who recommended him to me as a proper Object of Mercy, are well known to be good Proteſtants, and have ſhewn, on all Occaſions, the firmeſt Attachment and Loyalty to his Majeſty, as you yourſelves can Witneſs for Two of them, who were ſome Years thought worthy to be Members of your Houſe, I am willing to hope their Recommendation was owing to a different Motive from that which you have aſſigned; though as you ſpeak pretty poſitively with Reſpect to that Matter, I preſume you want not ſome extraordinary Evidence or Teſtimony, which I hope will not be kept ſecret, that I may be better enabled to enquire into the Affair, and that the Gentlemen reflected on may have an Opportunity, ſhould it happen to be falſe, of vindicating themſelves, by diſproving it.

The two other Inſtances of Partiality, as you are pleaſed to ſpeak, ſhewed to Popiſh Delinquents in *Prince George's* County, are, I am told (for till now I was unacquainted within the Pale of what Church they were numbered), my pardoning one *Pye*, a Youth, and the Wife of one *Bevan*, each of them on the Application, and at the earneſt Requeſt of many Proteſtant Gentlemen of their Neighbourhood, among whom were the Parties who had been injured.-----I remember that many favourable Circumſtances were urged in Behalf of the firſt, and that one Inducement to me to yield to his Friends Solſicitation, was, the Probability and Hopes of his being a uſeful Witneſs againſt one

one *Crawford*, a [illegible], then in Custody in *Charles* County [illegible]t to be tried at the Assizes, where [illegible] recognized to appear as an Evidenc[illegible].

Neither w[illegible]oman represented as a less proper Obj[illegible]ercy, and many Arguments were urged [illegible]ove my Compassion to her: If I recollect [illegible] Case, she was married to a very loose and extravagant Man; her Husband had been brought up by and depended upon an Uncle; the Wife went with a forged Letter of Credit, signed with the Name of the Uncle, to Mr. *Roundell's* Store, and in Virtue of that Deceit, obtained Credit for some Goods: This she did, as there was Reason to suppose, with the Privity or by the Compulsion of a necessitous and base Husband; so had the Prosecution been carried on, the simple Wife might possibly have been punished, while the more guilty Husband escaped with Impunity.

I might now proceed to mention the Constable in *Charles* County, some Persons of *Frederick*, with more than twenty others, who have been fortunate enough to be recommended to my Clemency, and have by that Means escaped the Punishments, to which their Offences or Misbehaviour had subjected them; but as they were known Protestants, I need not, I suppose, enumerate them: However, I hope you will no longer think, that the Mercy which has been shewn to the three Delinquents abovementioned, who haply prove to be of the Roman Catholic Persuasion, shews the very great Prevalence or Power of that Faction, or affords any room to think that they have met with Countenance or Encouragement, or have been treated with the least Partiality or Favour.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, for Yours and for your Constituents Information and Satisfaction, I have intimated to you the Reasons and Motives which inclined me to those Acts of Benevolence and Lenity, at which some have taken Offence, not presuming at the Time that I pardoned Offences against the Government, that any Lenity or Compassion exercised towards the People, would be condemned, or excepted against, by their Representatives; neither can I yet believe that your Constituents wish or desire to see you interfering thus far, or prescribing Limits how far a Governor may venture in exercising Clemency: But whatever your or their Opinion or Desire may be, with Respect to that Matter, I will not suffer the undisputed and undoubted Right of the supreme Magistrate in this Government, to be invaded or infringed on any Pretence whatever: Therefore, I hope, it will not be taken amiss, if I should hereafter exercise that Right of shewing Mercy to such Delinquents as may appear proper Objects, without consulting or advising either with you or them.

What were the Expectations of the People, with Respect to Mr. *John Darnall*, or the Attorney General, I know not; but hope they were not unreasonable, and that neither of those Gentlemen have rendered themselves justly obnoxious. I have not had long Experience of them, but, I presume, my Predecessors, who appointed and continued them in Places of Trust, were well satisfied of their being well affected to his Majesty's Person and Government; you know they have conformed to the established Church, and are lawfully qualified to hold any Employment; for my Part, I have nothing to object to their Conduct, and believe they have endeavoured to merit universal Approbation, by duly and impartially executing the Offices which they have many Years enjoyed.

Gentlemen, Whatever fruitless Attempts to gain a Law for your Security against a Popish Faction, more particularly adapted to your Constitution and Circumstances, may have been made, cannot be imputed to me, as no Bill of that Sort has ever been presented to me; and as the Request, with which your Address concludes, relates to an Affair of the greatest Moment and Consequence, I must beg a longer Time to consider of it, and take Advice, before I determine thereon; but you may be assured, that I will, in the mean Time, take such Measures, as Equity, and the Security of his Majesty's Subjects in this Province, point out and require.

HOR°. SHARPE.

The same Day, Afternoon, his Excellency passed the following Bills into Laws, *viz.*

An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for ascertaining the Allowance of Petit-Jurors attending the Provincial Court, to limit Costs with Respect to Witnesses, and for settling their Allowance as to itinerant Charges.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the Destroying Squirrels and Crows in the several Counties therein mentioned.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance, to testify as a Witness against any Person arrested, accused, or prosecuted, for any Criminal Matter.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act to prevent disabled and superannuated Slaves being set free, or the Manumission of Slaves, by any last Will or Testament.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual destroying Squirrels and Crows in the Counties of Kent, Queen-Anne's, *and* Talbot, *and for destroying red Foxes in the said Counties.*

An Act for purchasing Two Acres of Land in the upper Part of Worcester *Parish, in* Worcester *County, and building a Chappel of Ease thereon.*

An Act for Building a Church in St. Mary's White-Chappel *Parish, in* Dorchester *County.*

An Act to prevent the Exportation or carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind, towards supplying the French, *or their Allies.*

An Act for the Relief of Thomas Lambden, *and* Nathan Brittingham, *languishing Prisoners in* Worcester *County Goal*; Thomas Todd, Jasper Hall, *and* Daniel Wells, *languishing Prisoners in* Anne-Arundel *County Goal*; Benjamin Berry, *a languishing Prisoner in* Prince George's *County Goal*; Thomas Reynolds, *a languishing Prisoner in* Frederick *County Goal*; *and* Edward Dogan, *a languishing Prisoner in* Baltimore *County Goal.*

And two Private Bills.

His Excellency then put an End to the Session, with the following SPEECH;

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

FINDING the Business, for which you were convened, must be left undone; I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to prorogue this Assembly to the first Day of *January* next, and you are to take Notice, you are prorogued to that Day accordingly.

On Friday last, *William Stratton*, Negro *Toney* the Poison Doctor, and Negro *Jemmy*, were all executed at *Port-Tobacco*, in *Charles* County, pursuant to their Sentence, for the poisoning the late Mr. *Chase*, and their Bodies were all hung in Chains the same Day, in different Parts of the County.

At the same Time, and on the same Gallows, were executed, Negro *Jack*, for attempting to poison Mr. *Francis Clements*, his Master; and Negro *Dick*, for House-breaking.

Saturday last Mr. *Thomas Stoddert* came to Town from *Frederick* County, and informs us, that many Families from the back Settlements, are come in as far as Col. *Cresap's*, where they are fortifying themselves against the *Indians*: That among the many Murders committed by the *Indians*, one was within three Miles of *Fort-Cumberland*.

By Letters from *Virginia*, dated the 4th Instant, we learn, that two Parties of *Indians* and *French*, amounting together to about 130 Men, have been seen in the Frontier Counties, where they have destroyed 9 Families, and plundered and burnt their Habitations.

We are also informed, that the General Assembly of that Government, have granted 10,000*l.* more for the Service of the Expedition, to be raised by a Land Tax of Fifteen Pence *per* 100 Acres, Fifteen Pence on every taxable Negro, and Ten *per Cent* on Negroes imported. They have also impowered the Governor to raise 200 Men, for the Protection of their Frontiers against the Incursions and Ravages of their *Indian* Enemies; and we hear that two Companies of Rangers are accordingly raising in *Virginia* for that Service.

By Letters from General BRADDOCK's Camp, dated the 30th of *June*, we are informed, that the Troops under his Command were, at that Time, within 30 Miles of Fort *Du Quesne*, which they hoped to see in five Days from that Time. They had lost only four Men on their March from *Fort-Cumberland*, one of whom was carried away alive, and three left scalpt, and no Enemy had then appeared for three Days.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, *Entered*,

Sloop Betsey, William Sargeant, from Rhode-Island.

Cleared for Departure,

Sloop Elizabeth and Polly, Joseph Finley, for Perth-Amboy;

Brig Philip & James, James French, for Barbados;
Brig Nancy, Robert Bryce, for Ditto;
Sloop Hester, John M'Caull, for Philadelphia.

COMMITTED to the Sheriff of *Calvert* County, as a Runaway, a Servant Man, named *James Knowland*, who says he belongs to *Thomas Bowland*, living near *Lewes-Town*, in *Pennsylvania*. His Master may have him again, on paying the Fees, and the Charge of this Advertisement.

JOHN SMITH, Sheriff of *Calvert* County.

To be Sold for Cash, or Exchanged for likely Negroes,

THREE Hundred and Ten Acres of Land, lying about a Mile from the *Sugar Loaf* Mountain, with two Plantations, with an Orchard, and other Conveniencies, on each of them. And also One Hundred Acres, about five Miles from the said Mountain, with the like Conveniences. Any Gentleman inclinable to buy or exchange, may view the Premisses, and treat with the Subscriber about the Terms. He may also be supplied with Corn and Stock, for Current Money or Tobacco, very reasonably. Possession will be given on the last of *August*, by

CHARLES BUSSEY.

STRAYED or Stolen out of the Subscriber's Pasture, on the 26th of *June* last, an old, small, Bright Bay Horse, has four white Feet, a Switch Tail, and a Blaze in his Face. Whoever will bring the said Horse to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward.

SARAH RAMSAY.

THERE is in the Possession of Mr. *Thomas Gantt*, junior, in *Prince George's* County, taken up as a Stray, a White Horse, about fourteen Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder A H, has several Spots on one of his Shoulders and Back, a bob Tail, paces slow and gallops, and is about 12 Years old.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *John Asman*, near *Patapsco* Ferry, taken up as a Stray, a small Black Horse, not branded, but has a hanging Mane, Sprig Tail, and a small Slit in his left Ear.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

TO BE SOLD,

On Tuesday the second Day of September *next, at the House of* Robert Hurdle, *living on Part of the Premisses, near* Bladensburg, *in* Prince George's *County, for Sterling Money, good Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, or Paper Currency,*

THE following Tracts and Parcels of Land, *viz.*

Rover's Content,	466	Acres.
Part of *The Inclosure*,	89	
Part of *Goodluck*,	445	
Fife, - - -	78	
Beall's Chance,	290	
Father's Gift,	183	
Bread and Cheese Hall,	91	

These are all adjoining, and make a Body of choice well timbered Land, whereon are Three Plantations, with good Orchards, lying in *Prince George's* County, within five Miles of *Bladensburg* ten of *Upper-Marlborough*, and six of the *Eastern Branch* Ferry.

Coupper,	113	Acres.
Part of *Layhill*,	649	
Beall's Reserve,	380	
Drumeldry,	225	

The Four last mentioned lie in *Beall's Neck*, in *Frederick* County, not above twelve Miles from *Bladensburg*, being a choice Parcel of fine Wood-Land.

Also 459 Acres of Land, being Part of a Tract called *Allison's Park*, lying likewise in *Frederick* County, on or near a Branch, called and known, by the Name of *Captain John's Branch*.

Any Person inclinable to purchase Part of the first mentioned seven Tracts, lying in *Prince George's* County, may have the Quantity desired, provided it be taken so as not to incommode the remaining Part, to render it unserviceable, or prejudice the Sale thereof; and likewise, any Part of the several Tracts, in *Frederick* County, in like Manner.

The Title and Terms, may be known on the Day of Sale, or before, by applying to the Subscriber, living on *Ackokick*, near *Piscataway*, in *Prince George's* County. JOHN BEALL, junior.

N. B. Time will be given for the Payment of Part, on good Security, if required.

To be SOLD or LET the Whole, or in Partnership,

A LARGE Brew and Still House, in the City of *Annapolis*, with one, two, or three Lots adjoining, whereon is erected a good Copper and Still, a good Malt-Kiln, and several Brewing Utensils, pleasantly situated on the River Side, convenient to carry on the Business of Malting, Brewing, Distilling, or Merchandize, *&c.*

Also to be Sold or Let for a Term of Years, a small Plantation near the said City, with a good Brick House, with three Rooms on a Floor below and above, three Fire-Places, a good Cellar, the Length and Breadth of the House is Twenty-eight Feet Square, a good Kitchen, with a Brick Gable-End, Chimney, and Oven, a good Stable, Milk and Corn House, two Gardens well paled in, an Orchard that bears good Catling Fruit, a Pasture and Corn-Field well fenced.

For Title and Terms apply to

PATRICK CREAGH.

To be Sold to the highest Bidder, at Frederick-Town, *on Wednesday the 20th of* August *next,*

FOUR Hundred Acres of choice Land, called *Locus Thicket*, lying on *Manockasy*, ten Miles from *Frederick-Town*, well watered and timbered, a good deal of which is Meadow Ground, either in Parcels of a Hundred Acres, or the whole together, by NATHANAEL WICKHAM, junior.

Baltimore-Town, June 23, 1755.

TO BE SOLD,

A LOT of Ground, lying in *Baltimore-Town*, whereon is a large convenient Brick Dwelling House (in which Mr. *James Cary* now dwelleth) with Out-Houses, Garden, *&c.*

For further Particulars, enquire of the Subscribers.

ALEXANDER LAWSON,
WILLIAM LYON.

By Directons of a late ACT,

THIS is to give Notice, That there is taken up by *James Hooper* and *William Travers*, junior, living on *Hooper's-Island* in *Dorchester* County, a Boat, 11 Feet Keel, Carvil Work, her Timbers and Gunwales of Mulberry, about 5 Feet wide, with 4 Pieces of new Timber in her Larboard Side, a Ring-Bolt in each End, a Rudder, and she is black'd with Pitch.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Benjamin Venson*, living on *Captain John* in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder R W, and has one white Hoof; also a Grey Mare Colt, about a Year old.

The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

RAN away some Time in the Month of *July* last past, from the Subscriber, living in *Stafford* County, in *Virginia*, a Servant Man, named *John Holt*, who has since changed his Name to *Samuel Beverton*; he was some Time ago taken up in *Maryland*, and committed to the Goal of *Sussex* County, and was there sold for his Prison Charges, and is now some where in that Province. He is a tall Country Man, short and well-set, something crooping in the Shoulders, a dark Complexion, short Hair, and has lost his fore Teeth by a Fall from his Horse, his Fingers are crooked upon one of his Hands, he pretends to be a Thatcher and Well-Digger.

Whoever will take the said Servant and secure him, and bring him to Col. *William Fitzhugh's*, in *Calvert* County, or any other where the Subscriber may get him again, or to my House in *Stafford* County, shall have FOUR PISTOLES Reward, besides the Allowance by Law.

JANET HOLDBROOK.

THERE is in the Possession of *Jacob Champer*, at the Plantation of *Benedict Calvert*, Esq; near the *Wood-Yard*, in *Prince George's* County, taken up as a Stray, an old White Horse, with a Flea-bitten Nose, a Saddle Back, hollow Eyes, has no Brand or Mark that can be discerned.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

June 7, 1755.

WHEREAS *Elizabeth*, the Wife of the Subscriber, of *Benedict Leonard Town*, hath eloped from her said Husband: These are therefore prohibiting all Persons whatsoever from crediting the said *Elizabeth* upon my Account, for I will pay none of her Debts; and I also hereby discharge all Persons indebted to me from paying any Money, or other Thing whatsoever, to the said *Elizabeth*, for I will not allow any of her Receipts or Discharges. THOMAS TRUEMAN.

THERE is in the Possession of *George Sexton*, living on his Lordship's Manor at *Manockasy*, taken up as a Stray, a small Iron Grey Gelding, about 4 or 5 Years old, has a Star in his Forehead, a short Switch Tail, branded on the near Shoulder thus and has some Brand on the off Shoulder, but uncertain what, has a Scar in the hollow of his near Thigh, and can pace and trot; he had on a small Bell, with a Leather Collar, and a large double Buckle; the Bell is marked S R, which seems to have been cut in with a Knife.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Henry Welsh*, at the Head of *South* River, taken up as Strays, a small Black Mare, branded on the near Buttock P H, and, a small Bay Mare, without any Mark.

The Owner or Owners may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Joseph Penn*, in the Fork of *Patuxent*, near Mr. *Snowden's* Iron-Works, taken up as a Stray, a small Dark Bay Horse, about 3 Years old, without any Brand.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges,

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THERE is at the Plantation of *Thomas Goars*, living on *Captain John* in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Black Mare, branded on the near Shoulder thus |

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BUCHANAN, *Capt.* JAMES HALL, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Store in* ANNAPOLIS,

A VARIETY of *European* and *India* GOODS; he also sells good old *West-India* Rum, *Muscovado* Sugar, Salt, *&c. &c.* all very cheap for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco.

WILLIAM ROBERTS.

JUST IMPORTED, 3

In the BUCHANAN, *Capt.* HALL, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold together, for Cash, Bills of Exchange, or short Credit,*

A NEAT Assortment of *European* and *East-India* GOODS, suitable to the Season. Value about 600*l.* For further Particulars, enquire of DANIEL WOLSTENHOLME, Merchant, in *Annapolis.*

To be Sold by us the Subscribers, for either Sterling, or Current Money,

ONE Lot of Land, lying in the additional Part of *Baltimore-Town*, and on the South Side of the Falls, whereon is a new Brick House, two Story high, Thirty-two Feet long, and Twenty-six Feet wide, four Rooms on a Floor, a Passage through the House, four Fire-Places, and room for four Stoves: As also one other new House, fit for a Store, eighteen Feet long, fourteen Feet wide, with a Brick Chimney, double Doors, and double Windows; as also a small Meat-House, a good Well walled in, a good Oven, and Garden and Yard paled in. As also three Lots, lying on the other Side the Falls, belonging to *John Sheppard*, whereon are two Frames for two Houses, as also a good Cellar walled in with Brick the whole Length of the two Frames, and the whole Width. Any Person inclinable to purchase, may apply to either of us in *Baltimore-Town.*

THOMAS SLIGH,
JOHN MOORE.

To be Sold by the S[illegible] Rope-Walk in BLAD[illegible]G,

ALL Sorts of C[illegible]y and running Rigging of every [illegible]; also Spun-Yarn, Marline, Housing, [illegible] deep Sea-Lines, Log-Lines, Lead-Lines, [illegible]y Kind of Rope that can be made of Hemp; [illegible]ise Sail-Twine, Whipping-Twine, Seine-Twine, Drum-Lines, *&c.* Any Person wanting a Quantity, not under Five Ton, shall have it delivered at their Landing on this Bay, at the same Price it sells at the Walk; and all Orders shall be strictly observed, both as to Size and Length.

CHRISTOPHER LOWNDES.

Baltimore Town, June 11, 1755.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship ANNE-GALLEY, *Capt.* WILLIAM HAMILTON, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Shop in* Baltimore-Town, *at the most reasonable Rates, Wholesale or Retail, for Bills of Exchange, Current Money, or Tobacco,*

GREAT Variety of DRUGS, MEDICINES of all Kinds, CHEMICAL and GALENICAL; likewise of PAINTS ready ground in Oil, and otherwise.

William Lyon.

SPANISH LIQUORISH, to be Sold by the Pound, at the Subscriber's Shop in *Annapolis.*

Richard Tothill.

THE Subscriber in *Annapolis*, living near his Excellency the Governor's, sells all Sorts of Manufactured TOBACCO. As he has procured a very able Workman, with all the Implements proper for the Business, he promises it to be done in the neatest and best Manner. Persons may be supplied with small, or large Quantities.

John Bennett.

ON Friday the Twenty-ninth of *August* next, will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Plantation of the late Mr. *Vachel Denton*, deceased, near *Annapolis*, several young

Country-born Slaves,

consisting of Men, Women, and Children; amongst the Men are some choice Farmers, who understand Plowing, Mowing, Threshing, *&c.* there are two Sawyers, one not more than 22 Years old, who can set and whet; the other somewhat older: Amongst the Women are some brought up in the House to Houshold Work and Cookery; one of them an excellent Washer and Ironer, and has been hired out for some Time for that Purpose. Also all the Houshold and Kitchen Furniture, Plantation Utensils, black Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Horses, and in short, all the Deceased's Personal Estate, for good Bills of Exchange, Paper Currency, or Gold and Silver. The Sale to begin at Twelve of the Clock, and to be continued until all is Sold.

Anne Denton, Executrix.

SIX PISTOLES REWARD.

Calvert County, *May* 18, 1755.

BROKE out of the Subscriber's Prison last Night, two White Men; the one named *Henry Carey*, a well known Waterman and Pilot in *Patuxent* River, is about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, of a swarthy Complexion, and about 30 Years of Age. The other named *Thomas Wiley*, a Planter and Shoemaker, is near 6 Feet high, about 30 Years of Age, of a pale Complexion, and seems to be dropsical: Had on a blue Coat and red Pair of Breeches, both much worn.

Whoever takes up the said Men, and secures them so as the Subscriber may have them again, shall have FOUR PISTOLES Reward for *Carey*, and TWO PISTOLES for *Wiley*, and reasonable Charges, paid by

John Smith, Sheriff.

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